BAR HILL NEWS

February 2017; Issue 578

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS!

— GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS —

Although the 350 acres which comprise Bar Hill became a parish in its own right on 1st April 1966, the village, with its residents and institutions, took shape a year later:

- **24th May 1967**: the first residents, Mr & Mrs Bob Burry, moved into 58 Acorn Avenue;
- **1st October 1967**: members of Bar Hill Church met together for the first time at 19 Acorn Avenue;
- **20th October 1967**; the inaugural meeting of the Bar Hill Residents' Association, attended by seven residents;
- **December 1967**: the Bar Hill News was first published.

The year 2017, therefore, marks the 50th anniversary of when Bar Hill became a village rather than a legal entity. To mark this, a series of events are planned to take place during the year. The list below is a provisional schedule:

Thursday 2nd February: a visit to the village by **HRH the Duke of Gloucester** to open the Golden Jubilee celebrations. After visiting the school, the Duke will meet members of the Parish Council, Residents' Association and the Church Council in the Church Centre, as well as longstanding residents and representatives of village organisations past and present.

Saturday 29th April: a performance of **Easter Mystery Plays** written and produced by Dr Sean Lang of Anglia Ruskin University.

Monday 1st to Wednesday 31st May: a display of **photographs** and **documents** from the **Cambridgeshire Collection** and other sources in the library to mark the arrival of the village's first residents.

Friday 5th May: a **celebratory dinner** at **Westminster College**, Cambridge, with a guest speaker. £25 per person.

Friday 9th June: Bar Hill School PTA Golden Jubilee Fun Day.

Saturday 1st July: The Bar Hill Golden Jubilee Fête.

Saturday–Sunday 15th–16th July: a **Flower Festival** in the Church Centre, village organisations are being asked to submit a display. Also, **Memories** – photographs, newspaper cuttings of the history of the village will be on display.

Saturday 12th August: Bar Hill Sports & Social Club Golden Jubilee celebration.

Friday 29th September to Sunday 1st October: Bar Hill Church celebration weekend, marking the Church's own Golden Jubilee, including a performance of the musical *Godspell*, featuring Bar Hill's own choir, 'Sing it Loud', a **ceilidh** and a special **Jubilee Sunday Service** at which the **Revd. James Newcombe, Bishop of Carlisle** *(Minister at Bar Hill Church 1982–94)* will be the Preacher.

Friday–Sunday, 27th–29th October: a series of events to conclude the end of the Jubilee year.

- *Happy Hours* will be putting on a Jubilee event in their 2017 programme.
- *Bar Hill Scouts* will organise a Jubilee event.
- *Bar Hill School* will feature Jubilee events during the Spring and Summer terms.
- *Bar Hill Cricket Club* will be putting on a special match, possibly against an Umpires Eleven.

Merchandise of varying descriptions will be on sale at various points in the village during the year.

— CONCERT —

Bar Hill Church is delighted to announce the latest concert by

Huntingdonshire Concert Band

"War and Peace"

This will take place on **Saturday 26th February 2017 at 7.30pm** at the **Church**.

Please put this in your diary and bring a friend – it will be a good evening out.

Tickets are for sale at £8; £7 for concessions.

Light refreshments available in the interval.

YOUR BIN COLLECTION DAY IS CHANGING

From **27th February** the majority of residents in Bar Hill will be affected by a change to their bin day collection.

There is more information about this in the Councillor notes on page 21, or at: www.scambs.gov.uk.

BAR HILL — VILLAGE WEBSITE —

www.barhill.org.uk

You can find updates on such matters as the A14 upgrade, Northstowe, Topland and the environment on the Bar Hill Village website, along with lots of other information.

If you wish to put an item on the website, get in touch with the webmaster by either following the links on the website, or e-mail: barhill@machineconcepts.co.uk

Your Bar Hill News is available, without advertising pages, at www.barhill.org.uk/bhn.php by about 10 days before the paper copy is delivered.

— COMPUTER BUDDYING —

from **2–4pm** on **Tuesdays** at **Bar Hill Library**. **Free** help with computers and basic IT skills aimed at beginners over 50yrs. Booking required.

...interesting fact...

according to the most popular search engine, over three million people each month search online with the words 'interesting facts'.

Deadline for March's edition: 15th February to bhneditor@yahoo.com
or see page 2 for other contacts.

— BAR HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION —

2016–17 COMMITTEE:

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The objectives of the association are to act as an intermediary between residents and other parties, to keep residents informed of matters of importance and recreation in and around the village, and to promote the interests of Bar Hill. Opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily those of the Association. Anonymous letters will not be published, but names and addresses may be withheld. However, these may be made available should a written request be received. This is a private publication and may not be reproduced in any way without the prior permission of the Bar Hill Residents' Association Committee.

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EDITORIAL

There is no charge for Articles, What's On, For Sale and Lost and Found, and these appear at the Editor's discretion. Please submit items by 15th of the month. All telephone numbers without an area code are Crafts Hill (01954). All items can be submitted electronically on disc or to bhneditor@yahoo.com *[a Word file is best, please]* or hard copy via Parish Council Office.

— THE MAPLE SURGERY —

Tel: **01954 780442**
www.mhmaple.co.uk

Out of Hours Emergencies call **111**
(Cambridgeshire and Peterborough 111 Service)

Surgery Opening times:
Monday to Friday 8.15am – 6.30pm
On the day appointments: bookable by phone at ***8.30am*** for the ***mornings*** and at ***1.30pm*** for ***afternoons***.

Midwife	Thursday	9.30am–12.30pm
Physiotherapist	Tuesday	1.00–4.30pm
Podiatrist	Wed. & Friday	8.45am–12 noon *and* 1.00–4.00pm
Orthoptist	2nd Tues/month	9.00am–12.30pm
Cambs Hearing Help	4th Tues/month	9.30–11.30am
Health Visitors *(based at Longstanton)*:		**01954 207612**
Well Child Clinics:	3rd Tues/month	1.00–2.30pm

at the Children's Centre, Bar Hill *(next to Primary School)*.

— BAR HILL HEALTH WALKS —

Free every Wednesday morning
Meet at Maple Surgery at 10.30am

Our walks are all weather *(in case of rain you will find us under the Church porch)*, free, and accessible to all, particularly those who are currently inactive.
Walks are 45–60 minutes long, and led by trained Volunteer Walk Leaders. Shorter walks may be available; contact Patricia or Josephine to discuss.
We meet locally after the walk for a hot drink and a chat. This is usually in the library, but may sometimes be at Costa, Tesco, or the Fox.
If this is your first walk please arrive 10 minutes early to complete a short health questionnaire. Copies are available on the PPG noticeboard in Maple Surgery, and at www.walkingforhealth.org.uk.
Contact: **Josephine Powell** T: **07901 558108**; E: jopowell45@hotmail.com or **Patricia Daniels** T: **07917 874402**; E: danielsoohn@btinternet.com.

— WANTED —

Reception Class at Bar Hill School would be grateful for any toy dinosaurs you no longer need.
Please contact **Jo Hall**, 11 Almond Grove;
tel: **01954 780304**

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— NWR —
CONNECTING WOMEN WHO ARE INTERESTED IN EVERYTHING AND TALK ABOUT ANYTHING

NWR is a national women's organisation with members who enjoy lively conversations both serious and light hearted. It is for women of all ages, who like to be informed and share ideas by actively participating in the content of meetings. We promote friendship and self-confidence for lively minded women. We invite you to join us. Come along to one of our meetings, you would be very welcome.

2nd Feb. **Mental health the last taboo**
16th Feb. **South Sea Islands – where, what, who and why?**
2nd Mar. **Antiques of the Future**

The Bar Hill NWR group meets informally in members' homes on alternate Thursday evenings at 8pm. We pay an annual fee of £20 and just £1 per meeting to cover local costs. If you would like more information or someone to accompany you to a meeting, please don't hesitate to call Marie-The Last on **01954 780329** or Jackie Jackson on **01954 781613.**

NWR can also be found on www.nwr.org.uk. Why not have a look!

BAR HILL COMMUNITY MARKET

Saturday 4th February
Saturday 4th March
Saturday 1st April
10.30am – 2pm
In the Octagon CB23 8EH
— Entry is Free —

All profits go to community/charity projects
Refreshments with Soup and Bread from 12 noon served by the Guides.
BBQ (weather permitting)
If you wish to be part of the market please contact
Karen Austen 01954 781085
e-mail: bar.hill.community.market@gmail.com
Facebook: Bar Hill Community Market

VOLUNTEERS FOR BLIND VETERANS UK

Could you spare an hour or two a week to befriend a blind veteran who has become isolated? Do you have an afternoon free where you could help a blind veteran with their food shopping?

We are looking for volunteers across the UK to help support our blind veterans. Whatever time you have to spare we can find an opportunity to suit you. We also provide training and support to make your time volunteering with us an incredible experience.

Contact **Lisa Walsh: 07850 518431;**
email: lisa.walsh@blindveterans.org.uk or visit blindveterans.org.uk/volunteer.

Blind veterans UK; Registered Charity No. 216227 (England and Wales) and SC039411 (Scotland)

— HAPPY HOURS —

Hope you all had a great Christmas and here's hoping for a wonderful New Year. Our Club meets most Mondays in the Octagon building of Bar Hill Church and runs from 11am until 3pm, with coffee, tea and light lunches. Our Winter lunch time menu consists of soup and a roll or baked potato with butter (at £1.50 each) or filled baked potatoes *(cheese, tuna mayo or baked beans)* or a ploughman's lunch (at £2 each). Our aim is to provide friendship and companionship, so why not come along and give us a try? You can have a good old natter, a game or two, or enjoy our other various activities. We would welcome new members. In December we celebrated with a Christmas sing-along and a brilliant Christmas party at the Hotel. After the Christmas break we had a gentle restart in January with mulled wine and a quiz.

Coming up in February:
6th: All about Vera
13th: Sweet Talking
20th: Bingo and a quiz
27th: The Pancake Games
***Anne Plumb*, 01954 780364**

BAR HILL SCHOOL — PTA

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents, guardians and friends of the school who donated towards the Christmas raffle. It was a massive success! There are a few others we would like to thank: • *Elliotts;* • *CBS;* • *JH Fitness;* • *CambsProperty Bureau;* • *Mick Geburtig;* • *Steve Jolley;* • *Bar Hill Sports & Social Club;* • *Total Relaxation;* • *Urban Cars;* • *Hallmark Hotel & Lets Rent;* • *Halls of Cambridge;* • *Dumbleton Photography;* • *Dion Gillichan Photography;* • *Jason Kirkby;* • *Cambridge United.*

Upcoming Events: Cake stall in the school playground or Hall Friday **10th February.**

End of Term disco: Friday **24th March.** Reception, Yr1 & Yr2: 6.00–7.15pm Yr3, 4, 5 & 6: 7.30–9pm.

Jubilee Summer Ball: Saturday **13th May**, Live Band, food and more – details to follow.

— 8 O'CLOCK CLUB —

We are a women's group that meets on the first Thursday of the month in the lounge at the school. We have a variety of speakers as well as an annual garden party, birthday party and Christmas meal.

2nd February – Talk about the Norris Museum in St Ives and the redevelopments it is making
2nd March – Birthday party – *members only*

If you would like further information please phone **Barbara** on **01954 204171, Adela** on **01954 204265, Ann** on **01954 204687**, or come along to one of our meetings. We would be very pleased to meet you.

— OVER SURGERY & PHARMACY—

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Pharmacy: T: **01954 233457**; E: overhealthcare@nhs.net
A happy and healthy 2017 to all our patients!

— LETTERS —

Dear Editor

It was lovely to see that a resident of Bar Hill wrote regarding the old skate park site. At last someone has acknowledged the impact of not having the skate park anymore! The youngsters have been left absolutely devastated by the park being ripped down, leaving them with nowhere to go.

I think the Parish Council should be ashamed of themselves at the way they went about ripping it down and not listening to the young people of Bar Hill. The skate park was somewhere for young people to go, getting them out in the fresh air and exercising. Instead they are now left to ride "street" around the village getting asked to move on as they are causing aggravation. Come on villagers and Parish Council, do something for the young people of Bar Hill and get the skate park back! I know that all the young riders in the village will help in any way they can to get this project started!!

Nicola Webb, Hollytrees

Dear Editor

I must comment on G. Caswell's letter in December's Bar Hill News about the skate park. Although I'm a Parish Councillor my comments are made as a resident. Because of vandalism and other issues, the site was deemed to be unsafe. This was information the Parish Council received, so they had no option but to clear the site and shut the park.

You don't have to be a Sherlock Holmes to work out who was responsible for the problems, but without evidence how do you charge anybody with criminal damage? That's what worries me if the skate park is replaced. Who's to say it wouldn't happen again and more of our money would be thrown away?

Instead of berating the Parish Council and being "a rider in the stand" how does G. Caswell suggest the Parish Council afford a replacement skate park given it will cost £40–60,000?

John Doland, Hanover Close

Dear Editor

Working together – Community safety and awareness

Now that work activity has increased on the A14 Improvement Scheme we thought it seemed timely to remind you that employees working on the scheme are not authorised to offer services door to door.

Highways England and it's delivery partners do not authorise any of its employees to cold call on residents to offer services. If in doubt, as with any cold callers, do consider reporting them to the police on the non-emergency contact number **101** (unless it is an emergency, in which case it would be 999).

Kind regards

Penny Fletcher, Senior Communications & Engagement Manager, Highways England

Dear Editor

We would like to thank everyone that attended our **Pink and White Charity Disco** at the Social Club last year. We raised a massive £1,810 for Breast Cancer Now, a charity close to many hearts. This was added to our marathon target of £2,000 which we exceeded and totalled £2,660!

This year we are running the marathon again but for **three** charities, Breast Cancer Now, Papworth Hospital and Alzheimer's Research UK, with a massive target of £5,000. We'll be running two half-marathons and the full London marathon.

To achieve our fundraising total we are holding a **'James Bond Casino and Disco Night'** on **25th March 2017** from **7pm** till **midnight** at **Hallmark Hotel**. Tux and evening dresses. Your ticket includes BBQ, Disco and 'funny money' to gamble with, all for **£40**. Tickets from Dom [domcarminati@icloud.com] or Danny [Danny_carminati@hotmail.com]. If you can't come but would like to donate, please see our page: www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/domanddannyc

Thank you again

Dom and Danny

THANK YOU EVERYONE

A big pat on the back to everyone who bought a Bar Hill Dogs Calendar.

We raised **£261.20** for Hearing Dogs for Deaf People.

Thank you very much!

— GIRLGUIDING IN BAR HILL —

Bar Hill District — We Discover, We Grow — Girlguiding

Rainbows (5–7yrs); Brownies (7–10yrs); Guides (10–14yrs) all meet weekly; Senior Section (15–25yrs) meets monthly. Packed with age appropriate activities for girls to participate in and try out!

If you would like to join in the fun, please e-mail us: gg.barhill@icloud.com; or you can register online: https://enquiryym.girlguiding.org.uk.

Sarah Rivers, Commissioner

FOR SALE

– 2 x Stratos Adventure Road Cycles –

1 Male 1 Female; Shimano gears – Shifter 3/7 speed
Rear Derailleur 6/7 – Front Derailleur, Band on triple
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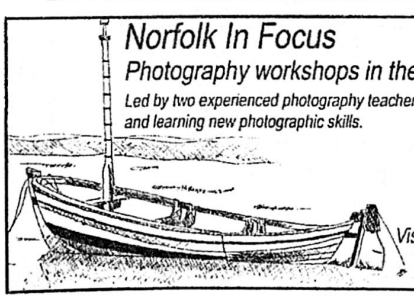

Next Dates
11th February 2017
22nd April 2017

Visit www.norfolkinfocus.com for further dates and contact information.

BAR HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Sue Bell, Parish Clerk: **01954 780456**
e-mail: bhillpc-1@btconnect.com.
Please note that the office is open to **residents** between **9am–11am Monday, Tuesday** and **Wednesday.** Visit our website: www.barhill.org.uk for updates on local matters.

Report

- Work has begun on clearing some of the spine paths. The Hollytrees stream and other areas will commence shortly. The Council has focused on tackling areas of most benefit to most people, and where there is evidence of nuisance/threat to property. Further work from the Tree Survey will commence in the next financial year. Our grateful thanks to the steering group who have given a great deal of time to co-ordinate and steer the programmes.
- People are reminded that organised events planned for the Village Green must receive consent from the Parish Council. Contact the Clerk or Chairman for guidance, especially in regard to your public liability insurance and clashing with other planned events.
- The Council has set the Parish Precept at £128,486 for 2017–18 which represents £1.69 per week, an increase of 8p per week based on a Band D property – proportionally more or less for other Bands (see tax leaflet published with the Council Tax demand from the District Council).
- A14 works is beginning. Public meetings about the proposed route of the A14 and access into Bar Hill, including during construction works, took place at the Village Hall last year. The Council will endeavour to work with Highways England to keep the public informed via websites and notices. Some of the lands around the entrance of the village are under Notice of Compulsory Purchase or Compulsory Temporary Use, including around the former skate park. We understand this is in part for access to services.
- SCDC reports that the applicant has put in an appeal following their refusal to give consent for housing development on part of the hotel land.
- The Council will be reviewing play facilities for children up to teens.
- As Bar Hill celebrates its 50th anniversary, it promises to be a busy year.

The next full **Parish Council meeting** will be held on **Thursday 16th February** at **7pm** in the Parish Council Office. Minutes of the previous month's meeting are on the village notice board. Items for the agenda must be placed with the Clerk at least seven days before.

Handy telephone numbers:
Streetlights: 0800 253529 – *give number of lamp post;*
Anglian Water: *(water supply and sewerage)*:
03457 145 145;
South Cambs District Council: 03450 450500;
County Council: *(damaged paths and roads)*: **01223 717111;**

DOG WALKING

Crazy Dog Lady currently available on Wednesdays and Thursdays: £10 per hour. Please contact Sarah on **07913 690021.**

— MAKE A WILL MONTH — THROUGHOUT MARCH 2017

Have you got round to making or updating your Will? Now's the time!
Local solicitors and will writers are kindly donating their time to write or update a standard will in return for a donation to the Arthur Rank Hospice.
Make a will to make sure those you care about most are provided for – it's easier than you think.
For more details, visit www.arhc.org.uk/Makeawill.asp; call 01223 675881 or email lucy.day@arhc.org.uk.
Arthur Rank Hospice Charity: registered charity nº 1133354.

— SUPPORT DURING A POWER CUT —

Do you know someone who may need extra support during a power cut? Do you need support?
Although power cuts are rare when they happen they can be worrying.
UK Power Networks delivers electricity to homes and businesses across the East of England. We have a **'Priority Services Register'** for people who might need extra help in a power cut, e.g. older people, families with very young children, and people with specific medical conditions, all of whom are eligible to register for free support.
You can find more details at: ukpowernetworks.co.uk/priritysupport; or by calling **0800 169 9970.**

HAIR2U

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— THE ALLOTMENT SOCIETY —

Anyone interested in renting space to grow their own produce can be put on our waiting list for membership. Please contact **Rob Lawrence**, plot allocator, on **07788 590348.** All other allotment matters should be addressed to: bhallotment@hotmail.com.

— BAR HILL SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB —

The Sports and Social Club is situated on the top floor of the Village Hall. You can watch live sports on our two large HD TV screens, play pool, darts, skittles and cribbage, or enjoy a drink in our quiet lounge bar.

Thank you to all the members who continue to support the club and the events we put on.

What's on in February
11th Members' draw.
24th Karaoke & Cocktails
25th Members' draw.

What's on in March
11th Members' draw.
25th Members' draw.

Not a Member?
Join now for £10, Seniors £5. Pop in and have a look around. Please ask the bar staff for a membership form. For further information, including opening times, visit our website: www.bhssc.org.uk or tel: **01954 781881,** or join us on Facebook at Bar Hill Sports & Social Club.

— Bar Hill Church —

Bar Hill Church belongs to several denominations, including the Church of England, the United Reformed Church, the Methodist Church, the Baptist Union and the Society of Friends. The Minister is **Charles Mather**, who may be contacted on charlesmather20@yahoo.com or tel: **01954 277119**. The church website is at www.barhillchurch.org.uk the Facebook page is at https://facebook.com/barhillchurch and our Twitter account is @BarHillChurch.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND OUR SERVICES AS FOLLOWS:

February

Sun. 5th	**10am**	Holy Communion
Sun. 12th	**10am**	Quaker Meeting
Sun. 19th	**10am**	Holy Communion
	5.30pm	Teatime Worship
Sun. 26th	**10am**	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Reboot – Contemporary Worship

March

Sun. 5th	**10am**	Holy Communion

Totzone, Kidzone and Café Church take place during 10am services except during the All Together Worship Services. 10am services are followed by tea/coffee, and there is a Traidcraft stall selling a range of fairly traded products.

EVENT: Huntingdon Brass Band

Saturday 25th February
in the **Worship Hall** at **7.30pm**
Tickets £7 available from **Sue Kenchington**

PRAYER FOR STREETS

Each month we pray for people in our streets. During **February** we will be praying for **The Fairway** and **Robin Close**. If residents have a particular prayer request for themselves or their family they are welcome to e-mail **Ginny** on outreach@barhillchurch.org.uk

Traidcraft

Come and buy Fair Trade items from our Traidcraft stall each Sunday after the morning Service.

— GROUPS FOR ADULTS —

ART GROUP

Whether you are a complete beginner or an experienced painter, this group will give you a warm welcome on Wednesday afternoons throughout the year from **1.30–4.00pm** in the Church.
Meetings are very informal, with occasional visits from tutors. If you are new to painting, materials are available to borrow to help you get started.
Contact **Jan Hewins** on **01954 201495**.

MUSIC GROUP

This group meets at 7.30pm most Friday evenings in the Church to practise the music for Sunday services.
If you sing or play an instrument, you would be very welcome to join us. For further details, please contact **Bob Chappell** on education@barhillchurch.org.uk

COFFEE STOP

Every Wednesday from 10am–midday in the Bar Hill Library.
Coffee, tea and biscuits are served at a modest price.
A friendly meeting for all to chat with friends old and new.
Contact **Sue Kenchington** on **01954 780260**.

ECO GROUP

The group meets for an hour in alternate months to think about how we as a local community can best use our world's resources, both for our own benefit and for that of future generations. For further details please contact **Marguerite** on ecogroup@barhillchurch.org.uk

HOMEGROUPS

Would you like an opportunity to meet other Christians for Bible Study and Prayer? Our homegroups provide an informal but supportive environment. Our present theme is **"Matters of life and death"**.
For more information contact **Bob Chappell**: education@barhillchurch.org.uk

KNIT & NATTER

Thursday afternoons from **1.15–3.30pm** in the Octagon.
Christmas Lunch will be on **Saturday 10th December** at **1200** in the **Octagon**.
Everyone is very welcome, whether to knit, or just to chat and meet new friends.
Contact **Sue Kenchington** on **01954 780260**.

BRING YOUR OWN CRAFT GROUP

The craft group is open to anyone who enjoys or would like to start knitting, crochet, card-making or any other creative crafts. We meet in the Octagon from 2.15–4.45pm one Saturday each month for a couple of hours chatting, crafting and enjoying a chance to unwind. Please bring your own craft activity and materials – refreshments are provided. Next meeting: **Saturday 18th February**
Contact **Wendy** on **01954 782041** for more details.

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— Bar Hill Church —

—CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE —

Cafe Church

On the first and third Sunday of each month the Children and Young people meet together in the Octagon for breakfast and worship and a learning activity
On the second and fifth Sunday of each month we have Kidzone with activities for Primary aged children
Totzone (4 years old and under) meets each week in the Meetings Room during the morning service.

— YOUNG PEOPLE —

REBOOT

(4th Sunday of the month)
This informal evening service, held from 6.30–8.00pm, is for adults and young people. It begins with cake, biscuits and drinks and uses contemporary music and format.

— FAMILIES —

MESSY CHURCH

For pre-school and primary age children and their carers meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.
Join us for a Bible story and related craft activities followed by a simple meal. The next meeting will be on **15th February**. All are welcome
For more information, please contact **Heather** at cyp@barhillchurch.org.uk

TEA TIME WORSHIP

For pre- and primary age children and their families.
A new fun and noisy service, with songs, stories, puppets, prayers and activities.
Sunday 19th February from 5.30–6.30pm.
Bring a picnic to eat together afterwards.

FOR MORE INFORMATION about any of these and other activities for children and/or young people, please contact Heather at cyp@barhillchurch.org.uk

— BAR HILL BOOK CLUB —

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 28th February** at **7pm** in the **Fox, Bar Hill.**
Our friendly group offers a lovely welcome, good company and great book choices.
Contact: sheilafarrar@hotmail.co.uk or **07920 558319.**

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THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

The Catholic Church serving Bar Hill
Hills Road, Cambridge
Parish Priest: **Rt. Rev. Mgr Eugene Canon Harkness**
Tel: **01223 350787**
Local contact: **Bunty Waters** Tel: **01954 201421**
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It's expected the new monthly format will see more than 100 projects receive vital funding across Cambridgeshire every year. Funding will be awarded to projects that use and develop outdoor spaces in ways that will benefit their local community. We've already seen local groups, schools and charities benefit and look forward to seeing many more exciting projects come out of this initiative.

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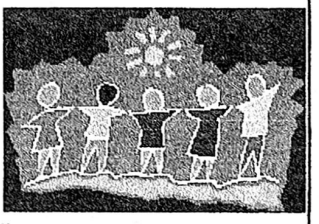

Ordinary session price includes children's snacks, drink, craft, play and adult tea/coffee. Under 1: £1.50; Over 1: £2.50; Family: £3.50.

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The project was supported the enthusiastically and on 10th December, Rachel Slater, Estate Manager, along with her son Jacob, delivered six full advent hampers. The foodbank was delighted and reported that six families would have a brighter Christmas thanks to residents' generosity.

The project was a huge success, with a further 35-plus hampers being donated via Bar Hill Church.

Almost 270 hampers were delivered around South Cambridgeshire. The organisers were so grateful for the enthusiastic support they received.

The foodbank provides help to vulnerable families all year round and is always desperate for donations. For more information: https://cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk/

INTERNATIONAL WOMENS' DAY

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner is working with Cambridgeshire Constabulary to create an event for International Women's Day on **8th March 2017**. The theme will be around bringing communities together with a particular focus on keeping you and your community safe. The event will be designed around what women tell us are the issues of greatest concern to them and what they would like to learn more about.

We are asking individuals and women's groups across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to get in touch and let us know what issues affect you and your local community. What information would empower you to make a change and what areas would you like more information about, to increase your understanding of these issues and what you could help do to resolve them. Themes could include domestic abuse, cyber security, safeguarding children and adults, inequality and community cohesion.

We want as many communities as possible from all walks of life to get involved not only in helping us plan the event but in encouraging as many women as possible to attend. If you have any suggestions, or would like to be a part of the event, please contact Sarah Morgan: sarah.morgan@cambs.pnn.police.uk

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RELATE Cambridge – will be offering counselling for couples and individuals at Willingham Surgery from the 10th January 2017. Appointments will be on a Tuesday from 10.30am–12.30pm. If you feel this is something you would benefit from, please discuss with your GP. For more information go to www.relatecambridge.org.uk.

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Huntingdonshire Local Group

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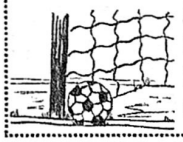

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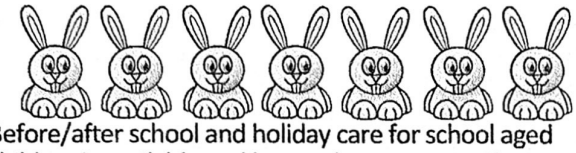

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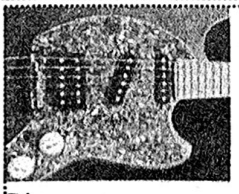

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— NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH—

Well done, Bar Hill! The police were pleased with the turn out to their Operation Hunter event in December, designed to tackle last winter's increase in crime.

Good questions were asked during the presentation and plenty of home security devices were sold.

Among all the advice given, Sergeant Rabel particularly stressed:

1 Make your house appear lived in ***whenever*** you are out e.g. use timer switches for lights, and Simulated TVs (a small unit with bright LEDs of varying intensity and colour which mimic a real TV).

2 Report ***any*** concerns, suspicions or incidents on 101, the non-emergency line (though 999 for crimes in progress or where life is in danger). We know our area best and the police rely on our reports to detect current or emerging patterns of crime.

About a dozen police were also out around the village calling on residents to offer advice and Home Security checks. It is still possible to request a Home Security check or buy any of these devices: • Timer switches: £2; • Simulated TVs: £10; • Window alarms: £2; • Shed alarms: £8.

Contact Rachel Carr, Crime Reduction Officer: rachel.carr@cambs.pnn.police.uk or ring 101.

Bad Wolf Test – have you done this yet? A series of quick questions will indicate how secure your house is against burglars and rate it brick, twigs or straw (as in the 3 little pigs story). Take the quiz at http://tinyurl.com/bad-wolf-test or, if you don't have access to a computer, ring 101 and ask for advice from our Crime Reduction Officer.

Let's all continue to help build a safer and stronger community in Bar Hill by taking care of ourselves and our neighbours.

Pam Vendy, NHW Village Co-ordinator

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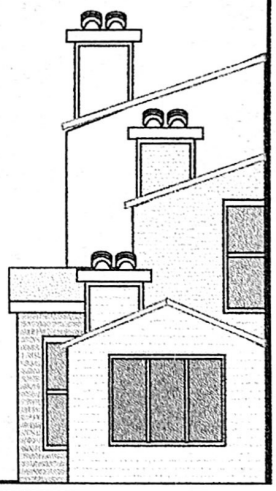

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— COUNCILLOR NOTES —

Changes to bin collections – shared bin services with the City Council will make changes to bin collections. The proposed changes will affect 82% of households across the district but will contribute to customer service improvements and the rebalancing of staff workloads and will deliver agreed savings and efficiency targets. The plan includes posters, website notification and delivery of a four-page leaflet to all households early in February. The portfolio holder also approved changes to fees and charges for fly tipping fixed penalties. Previously there has been no fixed fee for fly tipping offences in legislation and offences have been dealt with by way of referral to Court or as an 'offence of depositing litter' which carries a maximum fine of £100. During the period April to November 2016 officers issued 13 fixed penalty notices and 4 official cautions and there have been 7 successful court convictions. There will be a new offence of fly tipping under the appropriate sections of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. Penalties will be a £400 fine [reduced to £240 if paid within 10 days]. The maximum penalty on conviction will be a custodial sentence of up to 5 years and notably the maximum fine for this type of offence is not limited in either the magistrates or crown courts.

Have you heard of the Repair Café?

South Cambridgeshire's first repair café of 2017 has been hailed a success with many local residents getting broken items fixed instead of buying replacements in the sales. The event, held in Girton on Sunday, saw a team of multi-skilled volunteers give a number of damaged and broken household belongings a new lease of life, including three bikes, two vacuum cleaners, four Scalextric cars, a clock, radio, dehumidifier, and moth damaged jumper.

The next repair cafés scheduled to take place include:

- Community Centre, Cottenham, Saturday 4th February, 10am–2pm;
- Market Hill Rooms, Royston, Sunday 5th February, 10am–1pm;
- St Andrew's Centre, Histon, Saturday 4th March, 10.30am–1.30pm;
- Free Church, Sawston, Saturday 25th March, 2–5pm.

If you have any tired or broken items needing a new lease of life, from small household appliances, electrical items, computers and mobile phones to bicycles, clothes, gadgets and general bits 'n' bobs, book them in to be sure of a slot, or just turn up on the day.

For more information on any of these events including how to book items in for repair, please visit www.repaircafe.org.uk.

We wish all residents a Happy New Year. Please contact us if you should need any information or queries please do contact us:

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— HEIDI ALLEN MP —

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In the twilight of 2016 I visited the Blood Donation Centre in Long Road, Cambridge for my first ever donation. It was utterly painless, parking was free and I had my choice of biscuits afterwards! Giving blood is easy and quick – I was in and out in less than an hour – and it saves lives. If you can donate, please go to www.blood.co.uk or phone **0300 123 23 23** to book an appointment.

The Christmas period gave me time to visit the Cambourne Foodbank, a poignant reminder that Christmas isn't easy for those struggling with basic needs. It is open every Thursday from 10am–midday at the Old Blue School on Eastgate. You can find out how to apply for a voucher here: https://cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/foodbank-vouchers/. The Foodbank is run by kind, dedicated volunteers whom I'm hoping to work with more in the future, unlocking some of the housing and benefit difficulties that are often at the heart of food poverty.

I'm delighted to share the launch of Cambridgeshire County Council's Communities Innovation Fund which gives community groups the opportunity to apply for funding for initiatives which improve lives. If you know of a scheme that enhances your community and helps people stay safe and independent, please see www.cambscf.org.uk/ccif.html for details of how to apply.

December saw the publication of the National Schools Funding Formula from the Department of Education. I'm still analysing the data and will be writing to my schools for feedback on proposals. If you want to contribute, please make your views heard here https://consult.education.gov.uk/funding-policy-unit/schools-national-funding-formula2/. The consultation closes on 22nd March 2017.

Turning to buses and trains, I'm inviting constituents to contact me about any issues they have with existing public transport services. I have been contacted by a number of residents about unreliable services, so if you too have experience of this, please contact Nicola Gillam – details below.

My 'no appointment' surgeries are proving increasingly popular so if you feel I could help, don't hesitate to pop along. Details at: www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/residents-drop-surgeries; phone **01954 212707** or e-mail: heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk.

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— BAR HILL VIXENS —

The vixens are in their 5th year now and, on the whole, have been quite successful. Their success has been rewarded by being put into the A league in the S-Tech Girls Under 14 Division, and they haven't let themselves down.

They recently had a cup game against Cambridge City (a very good team). We could only field 8 players due to illness/holiday, so City manager, Gemma, very sportingly decided to play 8-aside instead of fielding her full 9.

What happened next was the most fantastic game the girls had ever played! Five minutes in and we're 2–0 up. City peg us back to 2–2 then go 3–2 up. On the stroke of half time we get a penalty which is converted by Issy Bryant: 3-3 at half time. We struck again twice in five minutes in the second half: 5–3 up. City came back to 5–5 with little more than a minute to go. Then Georgia Wilson buried the ball in the City net! 6–5 winners!!

The whole team, from defence and goal (Olivia, Charlie, Freya, Alisha), midfield (Amber, Issy, Rhiana), and our lone striker, Georgia, were FANTASTIC!!

The girls now have a semi-final cup game at home against Linton. Bring on the final!

— COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT —

I have been asked whether, post devolution, the County Council has plans to control bus services under a franchise model. Any decision to implement a franchise model would be made by the Combined Authority for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and not by the County Council. However our MP, Heidi Allen, has been gathering feedback from across the district on what local concerns are regarding bus services [or the lack of them]. On a related subject: tackling congestion in Cambridge, I remain opposed to a congestion charge that would disproportionately affect South Cambridgeshire residents accessing the city whilst doing nothing to address the contribution to congestion made by city residents. Any such charge must be part of a wider strategy to ensure that our villages have options other than driving and must include better bus services.

It's the time of year for cold and icy conditions. Please to look out for others, particularly the more vulnerable members of our community, and take extra care yourselves too. Anyone eligible should seek entitlements and benefits such as Winter Fuel Payments and Cold Weather Payments. Older and disabled people can also sign up to their utility supplier's Priority Services Register to get extra help and support with energy supplies. This includes advance notice if the supply is going to be interrupted and priority reconnection. To sign up, you need to contact your supplier and, if you have different suppliers for gas and electricity, you need to contact both.

Members of the County Council's Health Committee had a presentation from the ambulance service recently. Although the headlines say that national response times are not being met, locally the service is exceeding targets. The committee also receives regular briefings on the Sustainability & Transformation Plan for Cambridgeshire & Peterborough. The NHS and local government have come together to develop a plan to keep the service 'Fit for the Future'. A Public Involvement Assembly has been set up to encourage wider involvement. Anyone wishing to join can phone: 01223 725304 or e-mail [with Public Involvement Assembly as the subject]: capccg.contact@nhs.net.

If you'd like to know more about what's happening at the County Council, please let me know and I'll add you to the circulation of the full report I write monthly for parish councils.

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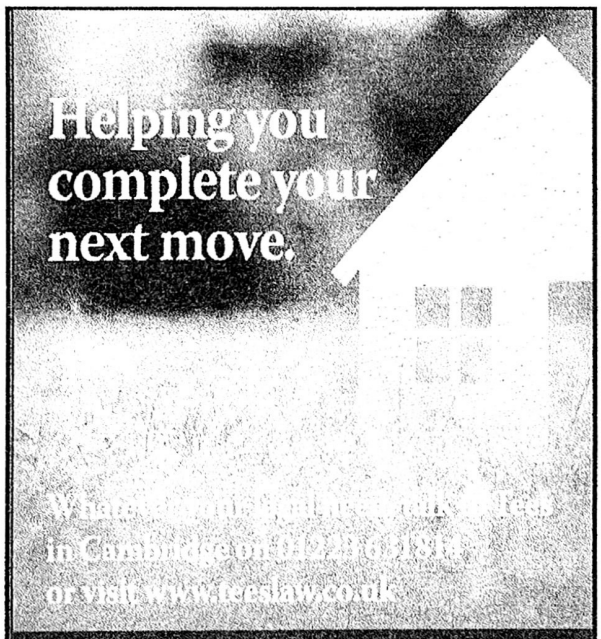

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Along with the anniversary celebration, we will also be enjoying a performance of world-class magicians from the magic circle in order to raise money for a play area in memory of Dawn Miller who died last year. This magic event will take place on **Friday 10th February** from **6.30–8.00pm** in the main church.

Dawn was a model of our school values and showed the children how to play and have fun with tremendous kindness and love. The school misses her, and so we have decided to ensure that Dawn's work continues by creating a school play area in her memory.

If you would like to contribute towards the 'Dawn Miller Memorial Fund' or attend the event, tickets will be available from the school office from **Wednesday 1st February**. The cost is £10 per adult and £5 per child.

Finally, at school we very much value volunteers from the community who regularly come to the school to read with the children and support them in lessons or maybe you could advise/help us develop a school vegetable garden this spring.

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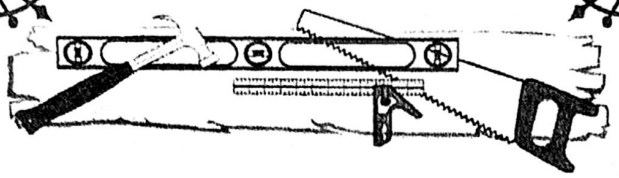

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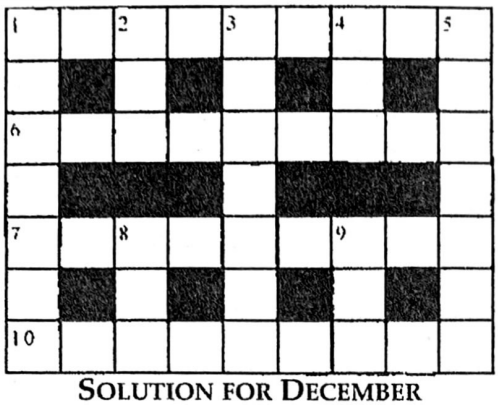
— FEBRUARY CROSSWORD —

Across: 1. Saint for February. 6. type of carriage. 7. gather together. 10. act recklessly.
Down: 1. Heroic. 2. man's name. 3. least distant. 4. unwell. 5. very most. 8. jewel. 9. also known as.



SOLUTION FOR DECEMBER

Across: 1. Trenchers. 6. Midwinter. 7. ocean wave. 10. festivity.
Down: 1. time off. 2. end. 3. Chianti. 4. eat. 5. server. 8. Ems. 9. Ali.

— BIN COLLECTION DATES —

Weds. 25th Jan.	black bin
Weds. 1st Feb.	green and blue bins
Weds. 8th Feb.	black bin
Weds. 15th Feb.	blue bin only
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— FEBRUARY PUZZLE —

Form nine, nine letter **meteorology** words in groups of three letters, in alphabetical order.

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A	L	E	H	T	N	O	G	R				I				R		
A	P	H	I	N	G	O	S	C				D				A		
A	V	E	I	N	V	R	D	S								I		
B	L	I	I	O	N	R	T	W								I		
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Solution for December: CHESTNUTS, CHRISTMAS, CRACKLING, LEFTOVERS, MISTLETOE, PANETTONE, PANTOMIME, TARDUCKEN, WENCESLAS.

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— EVENTS CALENDAR —

date	*event*	*where*	*time*
28 January	Bar Hill School PTA – the Big Quiz *(page 30)*	School	7pm *for* 7.30pm
30 January	Happy Hours – Chinese New Year *(page 3)*	Octagon	11am–3pm
2 February	NWR – mental health the last taboo *(page 3)*		8pm
2 February	8 O'clock Club – Talk about the Norris Museum *(page 3)*	School	8pm
4 February	Community Market *(page 3)*	Octagon	10.30am – 2pm
4 February	Repair Café *(Councillor Notes, page 21)*	Cottenham	10am–2pm
5 February	Repair Café *(Councillor Notes, page 21)*	Royston	10am–1pm
6 February	Happy Hours – all about Vera *(page 3)*	Octagon	11am–3pm
10 February	PTA cake stall *(page 3)*	School playground	
10 February	Magic Show supporting Dawn Miller Memorial Fund *(page 25)*	Church	6.30–8.00pm
11 February	Storytime *(page 26)*	Library	10.30am
13 February	Happy Hours – sweet talking *(page 3)*	Octagon	11am–3pm
16 February	NWR – South Sea islands *(page 3)*		8pm
20 February	Happy Hours – Bingo and Quiz *(page 3)*	Octagon	11am–3pm
24 February	Karaoke & Cocktails *(page 5)*	BHSSC	
25 February	Storytime *(page 26)*	Library	10.30am
26 February	Huntingdonshire Concert Band concert *(page 1, 6)*	Church	7.30pm
27 February	Happy Hours – the Pancake Games *(page 3)*	Octagon	11am–3pm
27 February	Possible change of bin collection day starts this week *(page 1)*		
2 March	NWR – antiques of the future *(page 3)*		8pm
2 March	8 O'clock Club – birthday party *(members only) (page 3)*	School	8pm
4 March	Community Market *(page 3)*	Octagon	10.30am – 2pm
4 March	Repair Café *(Councillor Notes, page 21)*	Histon	10.30am–1.30pm

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